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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clark County

In April 2011 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Allan J. P. Albert** (LP00040625) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly diverted medications for his own use, and tested positive for a legend drug he didn't have a valid prescription for. In 2008 he was convicted of obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud or forged prescription.

In May 2011 the East Asian Medicine Program charged **Susan Kay Shultz** (AC00000209) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly administered a legend drug without prescriptive authority.

King County

In April 2011 the Dental Commission amended the statement of charges against dentist **John Brewster Bede** (DE00005217). The care he provided patients allegedly fell below the standard.

In May 2011 the Mental Health Counselor Program granted the application of associate mental health counselor **Bobbie Denise Catton** (MC60210787) and placed her license on probation. In 2009 her license to practice as a chemical dependency professional was placed on probation. In 2010 her registration to practice as an agency affiliated counselor was also placed on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

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In May 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Yun-Chang Chu** (NA60157664) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly falsified blood glucose level ratings for a diabetic patient, resulting in potential patient harm.

In May 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered and certified nursing assistant **Brandy Marie Legg** (NA60080149, NC60084904) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted six vicodin tablets intended for use by a resident of the adult family home where she was employed and replaced them with over-the-counter pain medication.

In May 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Kellie Smith** (NC10091259) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took \$20 from a patient's wallet and withdrew about \$175 from the patient's bank account for her own use.

In May 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against registered and certified nursing assistant **Peiti Tung** (NA60059278, NC60069069), also known as Marjorie M. Tung.

Kitsap County

After a hearing in May 2011, the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Judith Diane Farbach** (CO60193126) and placed her certification on probation. In 2007 she was convicted of theft, and nine counts of forgery. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Pierce County

In May 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Deborah M. Asrari** (RN00125941) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include withdrawing medications for patients but failing to chart administration or document wastage of the medications, documenting withdrawal of medications for patients without orders for that medication, testing positive for opiates during a urinalysis, and admitting to diverting opiates from her place of employment.

In May 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Melissa Rachael Jones** (NA60186019) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted in Maricopa County, Ariz., of facilitation to commit illegal control of an enterpriser.

In May 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Irene B. Kauble-Carlson** (NA00133834) with unprofessional conduct. In 2007 she was convicted of theft, in 2008 she was convicted of petty theft, and in 2010 she was convicted of shoplifting, criminal assault, assault, and theft.

In May 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional and Counselor Program granted the applications of chemical dependency professional and certified counselor **Rolando Erick Vasquez** (CP00006436, CL60152035) and placed them on probation until April 2013. In April 2011 his certification to practice as a chemical dependency professional trainee was placed on probation for two years. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his credentials.

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Skagit County

In April 2011 the Board of Pharmacy reinstated the license of pharmacy technician **Brandi J. Hendricks** (VA00062622) and placed conditions against her license with which she must comply.

Spokane County

In May 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Nancy L. Budd** (CO60210450) and placed her certification on probation for two years. In 2004 she was convicted of residential burglary on two occasions, trafficking stolen property, and theft of a firearm. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In May 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Michael Shane Lindsly** (CO60209866) and placed his certification on probation for two years. Between 1997 and 2005 he was convicted of eight felonies, and two gross misdemeanors. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

In May 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation of registered nursing assistant **Koleen C. Sorenson** (NA00159054).

In May 2011 the Massage Program charged **Stephen E. Wells** (MA00022350) with unprofessional conduct. During a massage session, he allegedly pulled a patient's hand into his groin, cupped the patient's breasts, and manipulated her nipple.

In May 2011 the Massage Program granted the application of **Jeffrey Dale White II** (MA60176572) and placed conditions against his license. In 2005 he was convicted of possession of a controlled substance — cocaine, in 2006 he was convicted of violation of a nocontact order, and malicious mischief — domestic violence, and in 2007 he was convicted of assault — domestic violence. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Thurston County

In May 2011 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Norman E. E. Hein** (DE00005835) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to fulfill a patient's request for dental records.

In May 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certification of certified nursing assistant **Leandra Marie Lynch** (NC60135021) and placed it on probation for four years. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

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Whatcom County

In May 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Michael Alan Gregory** (RN00116736, AP30003674) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly entered into a sexual relationship with a patient.

Yakima County

In May 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Jered J. Carter** (CO60165302) and placed his certification on probation for two years. In 1992 he was convicted of possession of a controlled substance — cocaine, in 1999 he was convicted of producing false identification documents, and in 2009 he was convicted of attempted unlawful issuance of checks or drafts. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

In April 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of certified nursing assistant **Brian Christopher Unthank** (NC60213952). In 2011 he was convicted of theft, and failed to disclose the conviction on his application.

Out of State

Florida: In May 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered and certified nursing assistant **Vivian D. Bethea** (NA60072969, NC10046491) with unprofessional conduct. In March 2011 the Nursing Commission suspended her license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in Washington.

Oregon: In May 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Tori Kiah Wogar Summers** (NC60200547) and placed her certification on probation for two years. In 2010 she was convicted of theft, and failed to disclose the conviction on her application. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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